



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, September 21, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-4770)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Johanna
Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy
Duran III and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S.
Andrews and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Cedar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-4828)

Call to Order. (16-4616)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of
silence.**

Self-introductions were made by all in attendance.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1.** Approval of the September 7, 2016 Minutes. (Continued from the meeting of
9/14/16) (16-4617)

**On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran III, seconded by Commissioner
Johanna Arias-Bhatia and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (16-4762)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of August 2016.

There were a total of 27 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls and a total of 4 Outreach visits in both Los Angeles and Orange County to the following facilities:

- **Dream Home Care (All 3 Sites)**
- **Robsag Inc**
- **Rosemary Children's Services - Romberger House**
- **Mary's Shelter (2 sites)**

3. Internal Services Department (ISD). (16-4763)

There was no report presented.

4. Department of Mental Health (DMH). (16-4765)

Mr. Bart Callender, Residential/TBS Program Administration, DMH stated that he does not have any new information to report, however was present to answer questions posed by the Commission.

5. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (16-4766)

Ms. Rhonda David Shirley, DCFS, Out of Home Care Management Division, reported that during the month of August 2016 there were a total of 1,511 Absent Without Leave (AWOLS) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 14 referrals in the following categories:

- **5 Physical Abuse (PA)**
- **5 Sexual Abuse (SA)**
- **4 General Neglect (GN)**

There were a total of 18 referrals closed in August 2016:

- **4 GN**
- **7 PA**
- **7 SA**

Investigation results of closed referrals:

- 5 Evaluated Out
- 4 Inconclusive
- 7 Unfounded
- 2 Unknown

Ms. David Shirley also reported that Junior Blind of America was placed on hold on September 9, 2016.

6. Probation Department (PD). (16-4767)

Ms. Pamela Pease, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Group Home Monitoring and Investigations Unit, Placement Services Bureau, PD, reported that due to the shortage of a program analyst she will provide the Commission with full detailed reports for the months of July, August and September at the October 2016 business meeting. She also reported that Phoenix House Group Home has been placed on hold as of September 19, 2016.

Mr. Michael Varela, Director of Dorothy Kirby Center, reported that the Dorothy Kirby Center will be hosting a prom for the probation youth on September 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

7. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (16-4769)

Ms. Barbara Phillips, Monitor, Office of Inspector General (OIG), reported that the OIG is continuing to monitor the jails and individuals in custody.

8. Sheriff's Department (SD). (16-4768)

Commander Maria Gutierrez, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, reported that the Department has followed up on the Inglewood Court and a work order will be submitted to the State for the repair of 15 water fountains, the cleaning of vents and the broken lights. She also reported that the high/low water pressure has been adjusted.

Commander Gutierrez also answered questions posed by the Commission

9. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-4618)

There was no report presented.

10. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-4619)

Staff reported that Ms. Alexandra Zuiderweg, County Counsel will be at the September 28, 2016 SBC meeting to address the concerns of the Commission.

11. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections. (16-4620)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- **Glendale Courthouse (Broadway, Glendale, CA) on September 8, 2016.**
- **Garces Residential (Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA) on September 9, 2016.**
- **Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (Temple St., Los Angeles, CA) on September 14, 2016.**
- **Flemming and Barnes Dimondale #2 (63rd St. West, Lancaster, CA) on September 15, 2016.**
- **Turmont House for Girls (Thomas Dr., Lancaster, CA) on September 15, 2016.**

Commissioner Duran visited:

- **St. Anne's Maternity House (Occidental Bl., Los Angeles, CA) on September 13, 2016.**
- **East Los Angeles Courthouse (Third St., Los Angeles, CA) on September 13, 2016.**
- **Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (Temple St., Los Angeles, CA) on September 14, 2016.**

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- **Dream Home Care #3 (Gaviota Ave., Long Beach, CA) on September 9, 2016.**
- **Flemming and Barnes Dimondale (Anaheim Pl., Long Beach, CA) on September 13, 2016.**
- **Dream Home Care #1 (Gardenia Ave., Long Beach, CA) on September 13, 2016.**
- **Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (Temple St., Los Angeles, CA) on September 14, 2016.**
- **Lomita Sheriff Station (Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA) on September 19, 2016.**

- **Downey Courthouse (Imperial Highway, Downey, CA) on September 20, 2016.**

Commissioner Bhatia visited:

- **Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (Temple St., Los Angeles, CA) on September 14, 2016.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-4621)

There were no items presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-4622)

Commissioner Bhatia reported that the Junior League of Los Angeles will be hosting a community forum on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the Downtown Library titled "Breaking the Barriers to Education."

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of September 14, 2016. (16-4623)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of September 21, 2016 at 11:50 a.m.